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H. R. 3231

To further the national security of the United States and the Nation's economy by providing grants for foreign language programs to improve foreign language study for elementary and secondary school students and to provide for per capita grants to reimburse institutions of higher education for part of the costs of providing foreign language instruction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 1981

Mr. SIMON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. PERKINS, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. WEISS, Mr. PEYSER, Mr. ERDAHL, Mr. DENARDIS, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 10, 1981]

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress finds that—

(1) the economic and security interests of this Nation require significant improvement in the quantity and quality of foreign language instruction offered in the Nation's educational institutions, and Federal funds should be made available to assist this purpose;

(2) many endeavors in both the public and private sectors involving such matters as international relations or multinational business transactions require the skills of individuals with knowledge of foreign languages; and

(3) the educational institutions of the Nation should provide students with an understanding of the history and culture which influence the perspectives, values, and attitudes of the people of other countries, and foreign language instruction is one means of achieving this goal.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary shall make grants to State educational agencies whose applications are approved under subsection (b) in order that such agencies may fund model programs, designed and operated by local educational agencies, providing for commencement or improvement and expansion of foreign language study for students residing

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within their school districts. Any State whose application is approved shall receive an amount equal to the sum of (1) $50,000, plus (2) the product of $0.04 multiplied by the population of the State (as determined in accordance with the most recent decennial census). The amount described in the preceding sentence shall be made available to the State for two additional years after the first fiscal year during which the State received a grant under this section if the Secretary determines that the funds made available to the State during the first year of funding were used in the manner required under the State's approved application.

(b) Any State educational agency desiring to receive a grant under this section shall submit an application therefor to the Secretary at such time, in such form, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require. No application may be approved by the Secretary unless the application—

(1) contains a description of model programs designed by local educational agencies, and representing a variety of alternative and innovative approaches to foreign language instruction, which were selected by the State educational agency for funding under this section;

(2) provides assurances that all children aged five through seventeen who reside within the school district

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of the local educational agency shall be eligible to participate in any model program funded under this section (without regard to whether such children attend schools operated by such agency);

(3) provides assurances that, if the application of the State educational agency is approved, each model program described in the application shall have available to it sufficient funds from State and local sources, in addition to any funds under this section, to ensure that the program is carried out as described in the application;

(4) provides that the local educational agency will provide standard evaluations of pupils' proficiency at appropriate intervals in the program, and provide such evaluations to the State educational agency; and

(5) provides assurances that one percent of the funds the State educational agency is awarded under this section for any fiscal year will be made available for the purpose of training foreign language teachers in various foreign language teaching methods and for assisting foreign language teachers in improving their foreign language skills.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary shall make grants to State agencies whose applications are approved under subsection (b) for the purpose of providing assistance to model programs

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designed and operated by community and junior colleges providing for the commencement or improvement and expansion of foreign language studies at those institutions. Any State whose application is so approved shall receive an amount equal to the sum of (1) $30,000, plus (2) the product of $0.01 multiplied by the population of the State (as determined in accordance with the most recent decennial census).

(b) Any State desiring to receive a grant under this section shall, through a State agency designated (in accordance with State law) for this purpose, submit an application therefor to the Secretary at such time, in such form, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require. No application may be approved by the Secretary unless the application—

(1) contains a description of model programs designed by community and junior colleges, and representing a variety of alternative and innovative approaches to foreign language instruction, which were selected by the State agency for funding under this section;

(2) provides assurances that, if the application of the State agency is approved, each model program described in the application shall have available to it sufficient funds from State and local sources, in addition

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to any funds under this section, to ensure that the program is carried out as described in the application;

(3) provides that the community and junior colleges will provide standard evaluations of pupils' proficiency at appropriate intervals in the program, and provide such evaluations to the State agency; and

(4) provides assurances that one percent of the funds the State agency is awarded under this section for any fiscal year will be made available for the purpose of training foreign language teachers in various foreign language teaching methods and for assisting foreign language teachers in improving their foreign language skills.

SEC. 4. (a)(1) The Secretary shall make grants to institutions of higher education to reimburse such institutions for part of the costs of providing foreign language instruction to students at such institutions. Any institution of higher education desiring to receive a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such form, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require.

(2) An institution of higher education shall not be eligible for a grant under this section for a fiscal year unless the sum of the number of students enrolled at such institution in qualified postsecondary language courses on October 1 of that

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fiscal year exceeds 5 per centum of the total number of students enrolled at such institution. For purposes of this paragraph, the total number of students enrolled in an institution shall be considered to be equal to the sum of (A) the number of full-time degree candidate students enrolled at the institution, and (B) the number of part-time degree candidate students who are enrolled at the institution for an academic workload which is at least half the full-time academic workload, as determined by the institution in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary.

(3) As a condition for the award of any grant under this section, the Secretary may establish criteria for evaluating programs assisted with funds under this section and require an annual report which evaluates the progress and proficiency of students in such programs.

(b)(1) Any institution of higher education which submits an application under this section for a grant for any fiscal year, and which has sufficient enrollment in postsecondary language courses as required under subsection (a)(2), shall be eligible to receive an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(A) To provide assistance for the costs of postsecondary foreign language instruction at the level of the first or second year of postsecondary study of a language, an amount equal to—

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(i) $30, multiplied by

(ii) the remainder, if any, of—

(I) the number of students enrolled in a qualified postsecondary foreign language course at such level on October 1 of such fiscal year, minus

(II) the number of students equal to 5 per centum of the total number of students enrolled at such institution.

(B) To provide assistance for the costs of foreign language instruction above the level of the second year of postsecondary study of a language, an amount equal to—

(i) $40, multiplied by

(ii) the number of students enrolled in a qualified postsecondary foreign language course at such level on October 1 of such fiscal year.

(2) Any institution which is eligible to receive an amount under paragraph (1) shall be eligible to receive an additional amount equal to $40 multiplied by the number of students enrolled (at any level of instruction) in any foreign language instruction in languages determined by the Secretary to be less commonly taught.

(c) If sums appropriated to carry out this section are not sufficient to permit the Secretary to pay in full the grants

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which an institution of higher education may receive under subsection (b), the amount of such grants shall be ratably reduced.

SEC. 5. (a)(1) The Secretary shall make grants to each institution of higher education which requires at least two academic years of secondary school foreign language instruction for each entering student, or which requires at least two years of postsecondary credits in foreign language (or a foreign language competency equivalent thereof) for each graduating student. Each institution of higher education which qualifies for a grant under this subsection for any fiscal year shall be eligible to receive an amount equal to—

(A) $30, multiplied by

(B) the number of students enrolled in the institution, as determined under paragraph (2), on October 1 of such fiscal year.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), the number of students enrolled in an institution of higher education shall be considered to be equal to the sum of (A) the number of full-time degree candidate students enrolled at the institution, and (B) the number of part-time degree candidate students who are enrolled at the institution for an academic workload which is at least half the full-time academic workload, as determined by the institution in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary.

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(b) If sums appropriated to carry out this section are not sufficient to permit the Secretary to pay in full the grants which an institution of higher education may receive under subsection (a), the amount of such grants shall be ratably reduced.

SEC. 6. No grants shall be made or contracts entered into under this Act except to such extent, or in such amounts, as may be provided in appropriation Acts.

SEC. 7. For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "foreign language instruction" shall not include instruction offered as part of a bilingual education program designed to assist students having limited English proficiency.

(2) The term "institution of higher education" means any institution of higher education, as defined under section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which is located within a State, but does not include a community or junior college.

(3) The terms "community college" and "junior college" mean any institution of higher education, as defined under section 1201(a) of such Act, which is located within a State and which provides a two-year program for which awards an associate degree or which is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.

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(4) The terms "local educational agency" and "State educational agency" have the same meaning given such terms under section 198 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(5) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education.

(6) The term "State" means any of the several States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(7) The term "qualified postsecondary foreign language course" means a course of foreign language instruction which (A) is scheduled to meet at least five days each week for at least fifty minutes each day, or (B) provides instruction each week for a period of time equivalent to the period described under clause (A).

SEC. 8. There are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal years 1983, 1984, and 1985—

(1) $10,000,000 to carry out section 2 of this Act;

(2) $4,000,000 to carry out section 3 of this Act;

(3) $13,000,000 to carry out section 4 of this Act; and

(4) $60,000,000 to carry out section 5 of this Act.

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Page 4, after line 22, insert the following new subsection:

(c) If sums appropriated to carry out this section are not sufficient to permit the Secretary to pay in full the grants which State educational agencies may receive under subsection (a), the amount of such grants shall be ratably reduced.

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